

May 1, 2024 PTSA Meeting (6:30PM) and 8th Grade Planning 6PM Gilbert H. Hood Middle School

Welcome/Attendance: Thank you to everyone who attended this evening. It is greatly appreciated!

Kristen Ganley, Candi Westgard, Beth Kolinski, Melanie Curran, Kimberly Young, Lyn Downey, Lisa Long, Amy Wales, Michael Pereira, Mike Allen, Melissa Allen, Jen DiLorenzo

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the April Meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Candi to approve and second Beth; all voted in favor of accepting the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Candi reviewed the financials from April.

- Beginning Balance \$21,068.57
- Ending Balance of \$11,207.33

Principal's Report:

1. The recent fundraising is offsetting the costs of Field Trips and Field days. Each team has been given around \$1,500 to spend, which has helped. Parents still have to pay some, but the cost is less than it would've been if we had not fundraised. Thanks for your help.

2. The combined PTSA WRB/GHHMS Talent Show is at PA Stockbridge Theater on Saturday, May 11, from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Auditions were held last week.

3. Early Release Day May 14.

4. Book Fair May 20- May 24 here in our Library. Information will go home and be in our newsletter.

5. NO School Memorial Day May 27.

6. Golf Tournament Information

32 Golfers (8 Teams of 4)

3 Executive Sponsors

2 Hole Sponsors

The PTSA needs to Post the attached flier on its Facebook page and ask people to reach out for donations of gift cards, especially since golfers love gift cards. Kristen posted last night the sponsor/golfer letter requesting donations to play and request for gift cards.

[This is our Facebook Page](#)

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New Business:

- Welcome Lisa Long and families from WRB Middle School.
- Nominations for the 2024-2025 PTSA Board Members are now open. Both myself, President and Candi, Treasurer retire this year as 8th grade parents. All Positions are available. Nominations from Tonight:
 - President-Kimberly Young
 - Vice-President-Melissa Allen
 - Treasurer-Michael Periera
 - Secretary-Lyn Downey

Old Business:

- 8th Grade Celebration Planning continues. See notes below.
- Silent auction for May the 4th be with You. Bidding ends May 4th. Only Darth Vader has a bid currently.
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week all planned for each day. Jen has created a nice flyer.
 - Monday-Card My Yard, Popcorn in the Office, Raffles
 - Tuesday-SAU Lunch, Raffles
 - Wednesday-Candy Bar, Raffles
 - Thursday-La Carretta Lunch, Raffles
 - Friday-Coffee(Courtesy of Aroma Joes) and Dessert Day, Raffles

Adjourn: Candi motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30PM, Beth seconded. All voted in favor.

Upcoming Events:

- 5/3-Lunch Hero Day
- 5/6-10th-Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/11-Talent Show at Pinkerton Academy
- 5/8-School Nurse Day
- 6/5-PTSA Meeting at 6PM
- 6/5-8th Grade Trip to Canobie Lake Park
- 6/10-8th Grade Dance
- 6/11-8th Grade Breakfast and Promotion Ceremony

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Ganley, Secretary Pro-tem

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8th Grade Events: There are 163 8th Graders + Staff

- Events occur during the last week of school.
 - **6/5 Canobie**
 - **6/10 Dance**
 - **6/11 AM Breakfast, then Awards Ceremony**
 - **6/11 PM Promotion Ceremony at Pinkerton**
- Canobie Lake Field Trip-\$15pp There will be 4 buses.
- 8th Grade Dance-Melissa Allen agreed to do the Balloon Arch and the Deposit has been sent to Get Down Entertainment for DJ, PhotoBooth and Starry Lights. We will do a Sign-Up Genius for Donations and Day of Help. Kristen will order a set of 2024 and many blue and gold star balloons from the Dollar Store for the dance. Kristen also reached out to Get Down to see what background we can use for the Photobooth pictures. We will also purchase something that staff can give to students and welcome them into the dance. Kristen will procure. Setup for the dance starts after school at 3PM.
- 8th Grade Breakfast in the Cafeteria includes student speakers, slideshow, team photos, academic awards, and breakfast. The cafeteria staff will make breakfast. The cost will be \$545. Melanie motioned that we pay for the breakfast and Lyn seconded. All in favor. Kristen will create the Sign-Up Genius for the donations needed for the breakfast as well.
- Promotion Ceremony at Pinkerton the same night.

8th Grade Other: T-Shirts-We have a list of sizes from Students and Staff.

- We voted to use logo #2 for the shirts.
- Mike motioned we pay up to \$1600 for the t-shirts from the Cultural Arts budget line item. Lyn seconded. All in favor. Actual quote will be obtained first.
- Yard signs for families are on sale on CheddarUp. We have already sold 32. Cutoff date for ordering will be May 15th so that we have them by the 26th.
- Card My Yard on the school lawn-Kristen will order for the 10th/11th.
- We will use Geskus for pictures for the Promotion Ceremony and balloons from the dance for decorations.

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